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11 September 1953

Mr. H. G. Hunter
Acting Commissioner of Public Buildings
General Services Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hunter:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 21 August 1953 in which you inquire as to whether or not this Agency would object to the erection of a substantial multiple story apartment building in Block M, of the District of Columbia.

As you indicate in your letter, representatives of our respective staffs did, in the Fall of 1952, consider the possibility of erecting a CIA office building on Blocks 20, 33, and M, which are in the taking area authorized by Congress to be acquired by the District of Columbia Building Program. On two occasions requests for appropriations for the construction of a CIA building were included in the Agency's budget. These requests were subsequently withdrawn after informal consultation with members of the Congress who indicated that a study of the possibility of moving CIA into an existing structure should be made prior to undertaking new construction. However, as I think you know, the General Services Administration has now advised us that they are strongly opposed to any plan to move this Agency into an existing structure and believe that new construction is the answer to our problem. We are, therefore, considering the construction of a new building with renewed interest.

While we have not definitely decided which of the several possible sites we prefer, we do wish to consider the site which comprises Blocks 20, 33, and M and would object at this time to its release for other purposes.

Sincerely,

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L. K. White
Acting Deputy Director

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